Young Bulldogs fall to C-PS in 5-game match

The Owen-Gage Bulldog spikers fell to visiting Carsonville-Port Sanilac Monday night in a laborious match that went 5 games.

The loss puts Coach Judy Campbell's spikers at 3-2 in the North Central Thumb League, 5-4 overall, heading into Saturday's tournament at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

Owen-Gage, who has also been defeated by league adversary Akron-Fairgrove, will return to NCTL play Monday, Feb. 7, when they entertain Peck.

The 2 league defeats don't bide well with the veteran mentor, who hasn't lost a conference title in over a decade.

"This is a young team. They have potential, but don't play with any guts. It (the team) doesn't have senior leadership. I need a leader," says Campbell.

Owen-Gage let a golden opportunity get by in the opener, that may very well have cost them the contest, after they jumped out in front 9-5.

Lorraine Nichol's Tigers roared to a 12-9 advantage behind the serving of senior Misty Sherman, who registered the final 5 points on a 7-0 run. Sherman's well placed serves included aces at points 8-9 and 11-9.

After a side out, Owen-Gage tied the score at 12-all with 2 cross court spikes by freshman Kate Powers, squeezed between a Brandy Parks ace serve.

The game, which lasted over 30 minutes, saw 2 lead changes before the hosts gained a 15-14 edge on a hard spike from junior Angie Wildman.

However, CPS was able to gain a side out, and Maija Schommer recorded the game's final 3 points to give the visitors a 15-17 win.

Owen-Gage jumped out big again in the 2nd game of the night as Shana Adkins gave her team a 5-0 before Heather Sauber got her team on the board.

Leading 5-1, Bulldog Melody Abfalter, with the help of some fine net play by Wildman, stretched the hosts' lead to 8-1 with 3 service tallies.

The duo switched roles for the Bulldogs' 11th, 12th and 13th points of the game as Abfalter's mid-court spike gave Owen-Gage a 12-4 margin.

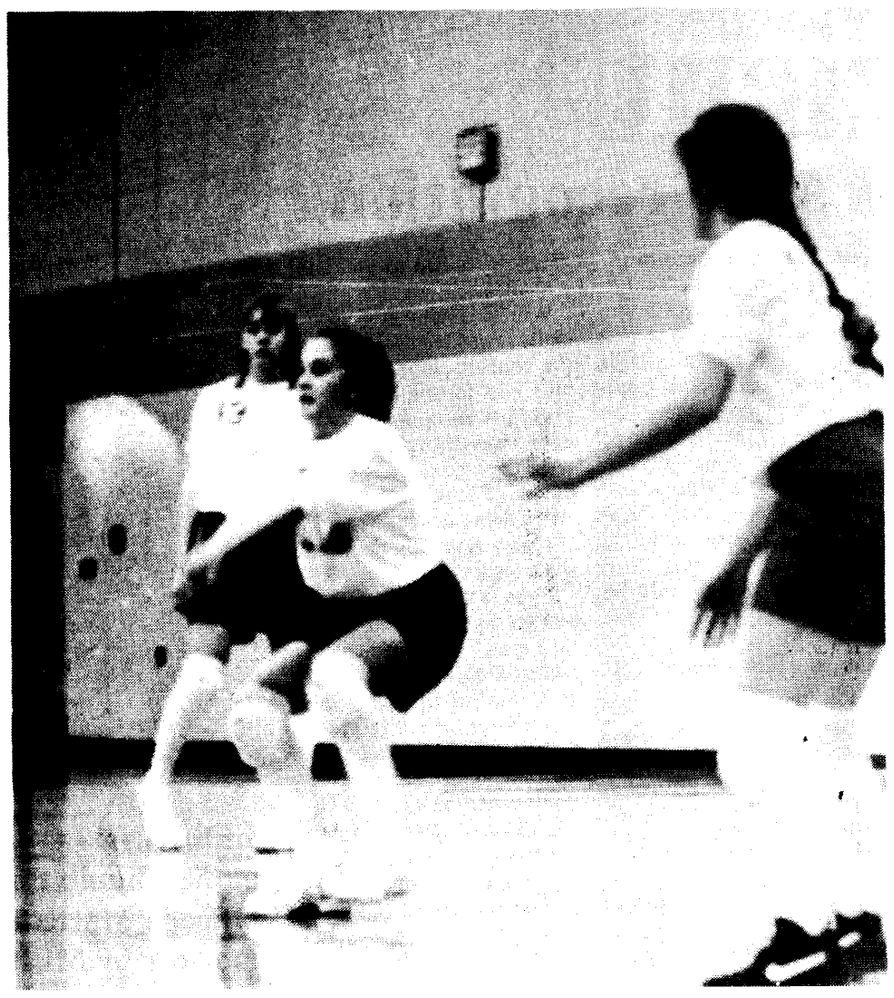
CPS, like in the first game, made another run at the hosts.

Sherman registered the contest's next 4 points for CPS to bring the visitors within 5 at, 13-8.

However, freshman Jennifer Winchester recorded the game's final 2 points with the game winner coming off classmate Powers' finesse tip at the net for the 15-8 victory.

Owen-Gage, which has only one senior on its roster, captured a 3rd game by the score of 15-11 to gain a 2-1 advantage.

However, CPS slipped by the hosts 15-13 and then raced to a 15-4 win in the 5th and deciding game to escape with the victory.



BULLDOG JENNIFER WINCHESTER returns a Tiger serve in Monday's North Central Thumb League tilt. Also pictured for Owen-Gage are Kate Powers (13) and Melody Abfalter.

Cass City spikers turn back Vulcans in 4 games

The Cass City volleyball team exhibited what every coach considers a key factor in winning during their match with visiting Vassar Monday, Jan. 24.

Character.

Coach Sherry Bader's spikers jumped out to a huge lead against the Tri-Valley conference foe, only to suffer a disappointing 16-14 defeat as the Hawks ran into some strong serving from the Vulcan squad.

"We were setting the ball up well until we went cold in serve reception. We just couldn't pass serve," stated Bader.

It would have been easy for the Hawks, who had hopes of defeating league leading Lakers on the previous Thursday, only to be turned back in 3 straight games, to give up after the initial setback.

Instead the lady Hawks fought back and recorded 3 relative easy wins by the scores of 15-5, 15-6 and 15-10.

The victory puts Cass City at 14-5-3 heading into Thursday's match with Marlette.

At the net, Cass City was led by seniors Jodi LaRoche and Darcie Monroe, who combined for 6 kills. LaRoche also received credit for 6 digs on the night in a routine outing for the talent rich veteran.

Stephanie Tate, LaRoche and Monroe shared the top spots among Hawk scorers.

Tate recorded game scoring honors with 17 points (20-23) that included 7 aces.

LaRoche's 11 points (14-18) and Monroe's 8 points (13-14) also contributed on the service line for the winners. The duo collected 5 aces for the Hawks.

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Calendar of Events

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.

January 26 - February 5

Friends of the Library will hold a magazine sale thru Feb. 5.

Thursday, February 3

Free prostate cancer screening at Hills & Dales General Hospital, 7:30 - 10:00 a.m. & 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Appointment necessary.

Friday, February 4

Class reunion meeting for 1974 graduates of Cass City High School at Charmont, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 7

Novesta Township Board, 7:30 p.m., township hall.

Lake Huron Chorus Sweet Adelines, Huron Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 8

Thumb Area Writers Club, County Conference Rooms, located at the County Extension office, Sandusky, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9

Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners Jackie Freiburger and Bill Dupuis.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

Senior citizens are asked to make reservations on the day of the meal between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. by calling Berenice Sowden, 872-2397.

Wednesday - Beef Tips and Noodles, Lima Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Cantelope.

Friday - Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Cream Style Corn, French Brad, Oatmeal Cookie.

Monday - Stuffed Cabbage w/Tomato Sauce, Parsley Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Variety Bread, Fruit Cocktail.

Wednesday - Oven Roast Pork, Roasted Potatoes, Salad Beets, Wheat Rolls, Citrus Fruit Cup.

Friday - Crispy Fish, Cream Style Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, Variety Bread, Dark Cherries.

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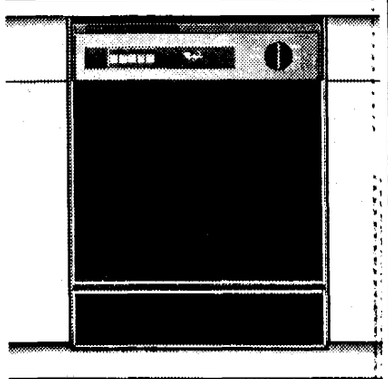

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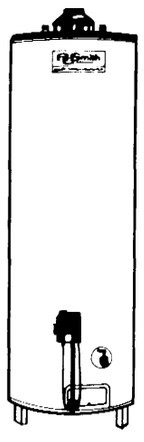

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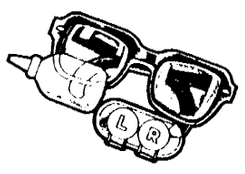

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